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DEPT PLEASE PASS OPIC

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EINV, DR
SUBJECT: EASTERN PETROLEUM OPIC CASE

REFS: (A) STATE 171790, (B) STATE 160134

1. FOLLOWING UP ON DIPLOMATIC NOTE SENT TO FOREIGN OFFICE, E/C
COUNS MET WITH SUB-SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY TOGETHER
WITH HEAD OF MINING DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS REFTELS.
SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION FOLLOWS:

2. GODR DOES NOT SEE A CONFLICT BETWEEN ARTICLE 36 OF EASTERN
PETROLEUM CONTRACT AND 1962 US-GODR BILATERAL AGREEMENT. THEY
RECOGNIZE AND RESPECT US PERCEPTION THAT SUCH A CONTRADICTION
EXISTS, AND ARE FULLY WILLING TO SEEK A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOL-
UTION. THE CONTRACT WAS WRITTEN WITHOUT OPIC IN MIND, SINCE THE
POSSIBILITY OF OPIC'S PARTICIPATION WAS NEVER MENTIONED DURING
THE THREE YEARS OF NEGOTIATION. FROM A BUREAUCRATIC STANDPOINT,
IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM WILL BE
POSSIBLE BEFORE THE AUGUST 16 CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATIONS. PO-
LITICALLY, SUCH RAPID ACTION COULD BE CONTRARY TO THE INTERESTS
OF BOTH SIDES, AS IT COULD BE TAKEN BY THE INCOMING GOVERNMENT
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AS AN ATTEMPT AT LAST-MINUTE CIRCUMVENTION OF A CONGRESSIONALLY-
APPROVED GODR POSITION, THUS ADDING WEIGHT TO THE PERCEIVED NEED
TO REVIEW ALL MINERALS CONCESSION CONTRACTS.

3. EMBASSY PLANS TO PURSUE THE MATTER WITH CURRENT ADMINISTRATION
AS APPROPRIATE, IN HOPES OF HAVING THEM PREPARE RECOMMENDATION
TO THEIR SUCCESSORS. WE WILL ALSO RAISE QUESTION AT EARLIEST

OPPORTUNITY WITH NEW GOVERNMENT.

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